

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Well, here we are then, my first edition of the Ringmore Parish Newsletter as Editor. What a daunting task! Firstly, I would like to say many thanks to Emily for doing such a good job. It is a time consuming endeavour to undertake, especially with a young family. There will be some old familiar bits and pieces in the Newsletter and some new ideas too. But at the end of the day, it is the Newsletter of the village, for the village, by the village. (Did that sound vaguely familiar?) Without contributions from organisations, groups and individuals alike, there would not be a publication at all. If there is something you would like to see as a regular item, let me know. It is certainly going to be a steep learning curve. Alan will be my unpaid, poorly treated proof-reader, a job for which he is eminently qualified. You will understand if you have seen our bookshelves!

This month we have the WI and All Hallows fetes to look forward to, both of which are great fun and a lovely day out for everyone. It takes a lot of effort to get these events up and running, so let's hope the weather is kind to them both.

The Parish Room celebrated it's centenary this year as you will see inside.

Scrummy cream teas at the WI Hall every Sunday this month too.

Mike Wynne-Powell's photographs of the Lord High Admiral's Divisions attended by HM The Queen in April this year are stunning and well worth seeing. Come along to the JE on 3 Sept at 8pm.

More news about the bulk oil purchase, further details inside.

Geof Dykes has kindly prepared another devious town quiz which will be available at both fetes and attached to next month's newsletter in case Alan doesn't find you at the fetes. I have also had a very generous donation of the £10 prize money for which I am very grateful.

Robbie McCarthy - Editor

DIARY FOR THE MONTH:

Tuesday: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

6 Aug: 2.00pm WI Fete in the Hall and Grounds

7 Aug: 8.30pm Special Quiz in the JE

24 Aug: 10am Ringmore Regatta/paddle

25 Aug: 2.30pm All Hallows Fete (Church Field)

26 Aug: Deadline

There is no Parish Council meeting this month

SEPTEMBER

3 Sep: 7.30pm RBL Meeting JE followed by Mike Wynne-Powell's photo presentation

14 Sep: 12pm Harvest Lunch (Parish Rooms)

Rainfall by Eleanor and Grace Purdy

Last month:	3 1/8"
10 year average:	2 7/8"
10 year high:	4 1/4" 2003
10 year low:	1" 2000

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Friday 8 & 22 August

Ringmore Church:	2.50 - 3.10
Challaborough	3.35 - 3.55
St Ann's Chapel:	2.30 - 2.45
Kingston Fire Station:	4.00 - 4.30

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Aug 3 rd	11.00 am Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
10 th	11.00 am Family Service	6.00 p.m. CW Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
17 th	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
20 th	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Comm'n		4.00 p.m. Spoken Comm'n
24 th	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. CW Communion
31 st	11.00 a.m. Team Service Bigbury BEACH		
Sep 7 th	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service

Holiday Reading

'What holiday?' I hear from local folk who are much busier with the season in full swing, apart from good weather thus far. Yet all the papers and weekend supplements have been recommending books for the plane and beach, so at great risk I will do the same. My last effort in this direction left the ladies of the Bigbury book reading circle somewhat shocked for the book I had commended was explicit in certain intimate details of a sexual nature. Fear not this one stays away from that arena, but is very probing and deep in some of the deepest questions we face.

The book is 'The Shack' by William P. Young ISBN-13:978-0964729230, I will not spoil a cracking good work of fiction by revealing too much, but this is some of what it says in the synopsis on the cover "Mack's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to the shack for a weekend.'

It is such a good read that I have taken a gamble and purchased five copies for Ringmore church as easy access should you want to buy one. £7.99 is the price, and the money can be handed over when convenient. If they sell out quickly extra copies can easily be obtained through the local Christian bookshop, Wordwise in Fore Street, Kingsbridge.

John Elliott, (810565)

Come to the Bigbury Beach Service at 11.00 a.m. on August 31st -something different!

At the time of writing, July 15th, nobody has won the bars of chocolate offered for the first phone call from each Parish identifying the origin of the expression "it is in the bag". So the answer: it's derived from the lodging of petitions in the bag behind the Speaker's Chair in Parliament. Any petition with more than 300 signatures lodged into that bag has to given time by Parliament.

The Save Our Churches Petition

These forms are in the local Churches, please sign one or even return this piece of the newsletter to the Church or to me, duly signed if you feel you can support the Petition

Britain's places of worship provide a vital service to their local communities but are under threat as never before. They need to be saved for the sake of this and future generations.

We are calling for:

- (i) The government to increase funding for the conservation of places of worship.
- (ii) Government grants to be introduced to enable listed places of worship to become focal points for the community.
- (iii) Planning restrictions to be introduced to prevent disused listed places of worship being turned into pubs or nightclubs.
- (iv) Listed places of worship to remain exempt from paying VAT on repair work.
- (v) The government to make it easier for listed places of worship to be adapted for community use.

SIGNED

.....[Name and Address]



Archie Errett - Our Rover Correspondent

What a lovely sunny and hot day it is and everything looks very promising. Master and mistress have put their shorts on, out has come the rucksack which is now being filled with Thermos flasks, sandwiches, poo bags, ball and most importantly dog biscuits. At last everything is ready and off I jump into the back of the car as we set off through the village. Don't know where I'm going, but I can't wait to get there. Down to the Stakes we go - goody we are going along the river. I have to go on the lead because I am very excited and I can't wait to get across the road, through the muddy bit and into the water. Very low tide today so the water is not very deep. Off I rush with a great big splash as the humans gently edge their way into the cool water. Out comes the ball and is thrown right across the river so I have to chase after it. My master always does this so that he can tell how deep the water is. He doesn't like it too far above his knees, seems okay as they wade across after me. Very quiet and peaceful down here along the river, lots of birds to chase but they always fly away long before I can reach them. Even the little fish don't play fair and allow me to catch them. We set off towards Bantham passing a few small boats moored in the river and past an enormous catamaran that always seems sad to be beached on the sand bank. The fields either side look splendid, to our left are all wooded and to the right green pastures resplendent with cows and sheep dotted all over. At the first bend in the river we wade across once again to walk along the right hand bank, a few herons gracefully fishing in this part, but they fly off as soon as I quietly(?) splash through the water, a couple of swans as well, but they are too big to chase as I know my limitations. The river straightens out here then, in a couple of hundred yards it comes to a left hand bend. On our right is a bowl shaped field, now semi-wooded, that a few years ago was a strawberry field. Barges used to bring up coal as far as Aveton Gifford bridge and twice a year these barges would be cleaned out and take villagers down the river, stopping to pick strawberries on the way, to their picnic at Bantham.

We cross the river here via a very circuitous, shallow route to walk along the left bank

along a straight stretch where they sometimes water-ski at high water. I'm getting a bit weary now all this chasing the ball and splashing through the water. At last we reach the end of the straight and come across a Lime Kiln on the bank at the entrance to Stiddicombe Creek. These Lime Kilns are pre-18th century and were used up to the early 20th century. Barges would bring up the coal & lime to them. This one is in very good condition as it was renovated in 1970. Hello, we seem to be stopping at last as it is getting very hot and we are all getting tired - goody, goody time for lunch followed by a siesta. Do we go on to Bantham, perhaps coming back along the fields or go back along the river to the car and return home? That depends on the length of rest and your fitness. I will leave that for you to decide but I know when I have had enough of a very enjoyable walk.

Thanks very much Archie. Sounds as though this is one of your favourite walks. Hope to hear from you again soon.

If any other Rover has a special walk, perhaps they would care to share it with us all. Ed.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The next meeting of the Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston Branch will be held on Wednesday 3 September at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore starting at 7.30pm. At 8.00pm Mike Wynne-Powell will be showing his stunning photographs of the Lord High Admiral's Divisions, attended by HM the Queen, which took place at Britannia Royal Naval College on 10 April this year. There will be a commentary by one of the Britannia Tour Guides. All are welcome to attend, entry is free.

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Here's August's Sudoku for puzzle fans:

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Enigma

This Month

Yes, Enigma is back! Usual rules apply - 3 points for a correct answer, 2 points for a nearly correct answer and 1 point for a valiant attempt. Editor's decision is final!

The letters in the vertical columns belong in the squares immediately beneath them, but not necessarily in the given order, and no letter in any column is used more than once although not all of the letters are used. When entered correctly, they reveal the titles of four well-known films.

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Quote of the month:

'Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with

The Ringmore Defibrillator

Following on from Sandy Hammonds piece in last months Ringmore Newsletter 'ANYONE WHO HAS A HEART' I thought I would let you all know that I recently wrote to the Bigbury Fun Run Committee to see if they would be willing to boost our funds. The committee thought it was a great and deserving cause and as a result of this Sandy and myself attended the Fun Run presentation on Sunday 20th July and collected a cheque for £200. This takes us very close to our total and so on behalf of the Defibrillator Team I would like to say a special thank you to Martin Uren and everyone on the Bigbury Fun Run Committee for their help.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Paul and Jules at the Journeys End for starting the fund going in the pub, raising the profile of the cause and helping to raise so much of the £800 required.

Karen Purdy
On behalf of the Ringmore Defibrillator Team



WHAT DID ONE STRAWBERRY SAY TO THE OTHER STRAWBERRY? IF WE HADN'T BEEN IN THE SAME BED, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS JAM!

WITH THANKS TO ANNIE KING

Vacancy

A vacancy exists for a cheerful person who enjoys the outdoors (preferably in all weathers) dog owners and walkers are particularly suited to this position. A very good sense of humour is also required. Oh! You need to know about the job - Newsletter Delivery Person required for the Lower Manor route. This runs from Lower Manor to Mandava via the J.E. Apply Editor

HEALTHY LIVING

E-Coli's in the butcher's shop. Tapeworms are in the pork.

There's Penicillin in cow's milk if you believe the talk.
Insecticides on apple trees can poison you — *they can*.
And hormones in the water main can sterilise a man.

Dissuade your friends from cigarettes — you're breathing in the smoke,

And that can kill you — *read the pack* — it isn't just a joke.
Be wary of relationships, especially with a tart.
And don't go jogging every day, I'm told it strains the heart.

Cholesterol in scrambled egg will stick inside your veins.
E factors used in junky food will give you aches and pains.
Girls' breasts puffed up with silicone give cause for diagnosis,
And when they're "on the pill" they get incurable thrombosis.

Flu-or-ride in the water main will kill you by degrees.
Fresh air will soon be lethal — when they've chopped down all the trees.

I can not eat. I can not breathe. Now sheep have CJD.
I fear that all this worrying will be the death of me.

I'm writing this while still alive, so please try not to laugh.
If pessimism rules okay, this is my epitaph.
So write it on my headstone and remember, if you're clever,
To never eat nor drink nor breathe — and you will live forever.

JS

With many thanks to James Stevenson.



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Neighbourhood Watch

You will know that the area including Kingston and Bigbury has been leafleted by a "firm" seeking to buy scrap metal. Be warned that there may be ulterior motives here, and it would be advisable not to offer any opportunities to the people involved.

Ringmore Junior
Items for and by Junior Ringmore Residents

Junior Enigma

This month:

A man goes into a hardware store to buy some items for his house.

'How much is one?' He asks, and is told, '£3'

'How much for twelve?' '£6', says the assistant.

'And how much for 200?' '£9,' comes the reply.

There are no bulk discounts. What is he buying?

The rules for Junior Enigma are the same as the other one. Entries can be anonymous. Three points will be awarded for a correct answer, two points for being close and one point for a worthy try. There will be a small prize at the end of the year for the winner

Sudoku for kids

Su & Ku are in BIG trouble. They were meant to be watching their baby brother, Do, but were so caught up in doing puzzles they forgot all about him. Now he has disappeared. He must have crawled off somewhere and got into mischief. Complete the puzzle to help them find Do. When you have completed the puzzle, the number in the crossed square will tell you who saw Do crawl away. Was it:

The Shopkeeper (4)

The Policeman (3)

The Old Lady (6) or

The Parrot (9)

3			7				5	2
1	7	6	5					4
				1	4			7
		7		3			2	1
		3	4		5	8		
9	2			7		5		X
	5		2	9				
	6				7	9	1	3
7	3				1			5

Next month we will find out in which direction Do went.

Ding bats

What expression is represented below:

GIVE, GIVE, GIVE, GIVE, GET, GET, GET, GET

Word Wizard

Add the same letter to all these words to make brand new ones:

Sill	Horn
Sand	Too
Rim	Flue
Plea	Rue

Answer next month.

Riddles

Different lights do make me strange, into different sizes I will change. What am I?

Water, water flowing to the sea. What has five 'eyes' but cannot see?

What is black when you buy it, red when you use it and gray when you throw it away?

Answers below.

And finally

What do you call a bull asleep on the ground? Answer below.....

If you have a favourite joke, story or puzzle you would like to share with us please let me know. Ed

*Riddles: The pupil of an eye
 The Mississippi River
 Coal or charcoal
 And finally A bulldozer*

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2008

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J.Reynolds
W.Mumford County Councillor
Clerk M. Wood 3 Members of the public

DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

M.Hammond E.Bohnet & S.Jones

APOLOGIES

District Councillor B.Carson

OPEN SESSION

Mrs.K.Purdy presented council with a cheque for £200 from The Bigbury Fun Run, a donation towards the funds for the defibrillator. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Fun Run Committee.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Challaborough Bay sign – This has now been cleared

Parish Roads – Item carried forward to September Meeting, pending the results of the visit from Highways in August. Cllr.Parkin stated that in general he thought that the parish was looking a little untidy with many parishioners' hedges overgrown. After discussion it was agreed that a loose insert will be placed with the Newsletter requesting hedges to be trimmed on a regular basis. Cllr.Reynolds offered to co-ordinate help for anyone unable to undertake this task.

Village Play Area – Ringmore Women's Institute have stated that they are not convinced that the ground to the rear of the Hall would be suitable for a play area.

Concerns are that the ground is very uneven, the area is unfenced, no toilet access, insurance reasons, and the institute would not grant any legal rights to use the area.

After discussion it was decided that Parish Council have explored the idea of a play area and have not been able to identify land available for this use, therefore the item will be removed from the agenda.

W.MUMFORD

Mr.Mumford updated Council on the draft proposal for unitary local government in Devon. He explained that the Boundary Commission have forwarded their options for consideration which on the 26th September will be formulated for submission to The Secretary of State by 31st December. His personal view was that here were only three options:-

- a) One Unitary Authority for Devon
- b) Two Unitary Authorities – Devon and, Exeter and Exmouth as a separate authority
- c) Retaining the status quo

In all three options Plymouth and Torbay would have no boundary changes.

If the first two items are approved then Devon County would have one controlling council and district councils would be disbanded. These would be taken over by Community 'boards' and until we know the structure we are unable to advise how these would be set up and work. It is quite possible that parish councils or even groups of these would have more power in the areas i.e. in road cleaning and waste collections.

After further discussion Ringmore Parish Council agreed to bring their September Meeting a week early, date of 16th so that we can gather our comments and respond before the deadline of the 26th September.

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD

Parish Audit of Signs – Clerk to file the audit, can be made available if required.

The First Response Team will now be known as The Defibrillator Team.

Mrs. Sandy Hammond stated that we now have the necessary funds in place and Mr. Ian Knight of the Southwest Ambulance Authority will be able to purchase one on our behalf at the best possible price. A power supply is not required as the battery is guaranteed for 4 years, together with a spare.

The sitting of this machine will be by the telephone box, providing Tor Homes give their permission. Still to be arranged is a telephone call system. A paramedic will now train a team on the use of the machine, but it is stressed that CPR will still be needed. Mrs.Hammond is willing to teach volunteers on how to administer CPR.

Parish Council agreed that they will raise a cheque for the purchase of this equipment and any pledges, funds etc. will be debited to the council account.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr. Deverson visited the site of the Coronation Seat on the Town Well and agreed that the view should be kept. This will mean that the sycamore tree will have to be removed subject to a TPO. A quote will be requested from Ben Turner Arborfor who will also prepare the planning application.

Footpaths – Several footpaths now require attention. These were brought to the attention of Cllr.Lambell, some of which he will trim and the remainder will be dealt with by the National Trust.

A meeting has been held with Steve Gardner, Mike Pearson, B.Carson. M.Hammond and J.Deverson regarding the StAnn's Chapel to Ringmore footpath improvement.

This item is now with Devon County progressing slowly.

Neighbourhood Watch –A list of co-ordinators to be placed in the Newsletter.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr.Reynolds explained that he was in the process of finalising details for a bulk purchase oil scheme which will reduce prices. He will place details of this in the newsletter.

Farmers Market – after discussions with Holywell Stores they will liase with their suppliers to see whether this is possible.

PLANNING

Application 40/1070/o8/F Alteration and extension to dwelling with agricultural tie Windwood Farm Ringmore has been withdrawn

FINANCE – Nothing to report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Road Closure Notification – Monday 17th November to Tuesday 2nd December

Road from Bigbury Bay Holiday Park to Marwynne Bungalow, outside Coastguard Cottages Challaborough.

Alternative route will be via Coastguard Cottages – Houghton – St.Anns Chapel – Bigbury – Challaborough – Bigbury Holiday Park and vice versa.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable – lay 337 metres duct, raise/renew two frames and covers, build one box in the carriageway British Telecom.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING HELD IN AUGUST

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER (ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL)

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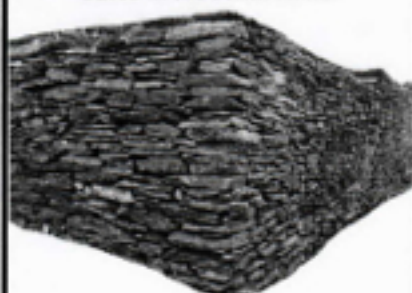
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RINGMORE PARISH ROOM: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF VILLAGE LIFE

Just over a hundred years ago the Manor of Ringmore was owned by a syndicate of three members: Frank Coyte, George Coyte, and Arthur Pode. Their extensive manorial property included the site of cottages that had burned down, and an adjoining patch of land.

The syndicate presented this site to the then rector, Prebendary Hingeston-Randolph, for the purpose of building a Church Institute for the parish.

The idea for the Institute had developed from the Erme and Avon friendly Society, founded by Hingeston-Randolph in 1865 to replace a Public House Club. The foundation stone for the new Institute was laid by Mr Francis Mildmay and Mrs Alice Mildmay on 20 May 1908 and the institute building was soon erected and in use.

At first, the hinterland of the site was designated for use as a recreational area, but it was so steep and rough that it proved to be too hazardous for sports and games. So in 1923 it was sold to raise money for the improvement of the Institute building and plans were formulated to extend the hall. The new area would have to be at a higher level than the existing building, but this higher part could be used as a platform when required and closed by shutters when not in use. This is the building we now have and which for a century has played such an important part in village life. The land sold in 1923 to raise the money for the extension is where the house *Three Ways* now stands.

The extension was built as a memorial to the men of the village who died in the First World War. It was in use by 1926, was provided with a billiard table and served as a very companionable men's club room. Over the century the Church Institute, now named the Ringmore Parish Room, has also been known as the Church Room, the Parish Room, the Village Hall, and the Reading Room. It has served the parish nobly by housing innumerable parties, socials, dances, birthdays, anniversaries, whist drives, quizzes, village wedding receptions, harvest suppers, discos, society and council meetings, games, and concerts. Congratulations to it upon achieving its centenary! It deserves not only our affection, but also our continuing support for its maintenance, improvement and general well-being.

Di Collinson

[Much of this account has been derived from Ardene Bennett's History Society booklet, *Domestic Buildings of Ringmore* (1998).]



Mrs Mildmay laying the Foundation Stone of the Institute - Ringmore. May 20th 1908.

A BIG THANKS TO THOSE BIG HEARTS!

To all those who threw themselves into the challenge of raising money for the Parish Defibrillator, thank you. Paul and Juliet launched the fund raising at the Journey's End with the American Independence Day quiz; the proceeds of which were donated to the defibrillator fund with the staff chipping in some of their hard earned cash to start the fund off with a very respectable sum.

Sean brought to my attention that the defibrillator fund chart on the pub wall has brought a lot of interest from holiday makers and parishioners alike, some of whom consequently contributed their tips to the fund.

David Knight galloped into action and with his charm and enthusiasm and has managed to extract pledges which amount to a sizable sum from a number of our business orientated parishioners; cheques are being made payable to the Ringmore Parish Council as I write!

The Bigbury Fun Run Committee was charmed and enthused by Karen Purdy and very kindly saw fit to present the defibrillator fund with a cheque for £200! Thank you to The Committee, to Karen and of course all of you who take part in the Fun Run to raise the money to be distributed to wonderful local projects like ours.

I personally would like to add a huge thank you to the Ringmore Parish Councillors and the Clerk (Margaret) who without their support, advice, enthusiasm and of course funds, this project would have been so hard to realize.

We do not have at present an exact figure for the amount raised but we are confident enough that with the present rate of enthusiastic and generous donating, our target is imminent. As a result an order has been placed with the Southwest Ambulance Trust for a fully automated defibrillator and a weatherproof box in which to house it.

Mr. Ian Knight, who is the First Responder co-ordinator for Southwest Ambulance Authority, has been very helpful and encouraging with regard to our project. He is organising one of his paramedics to come to Ringmore to train a core team of parishioners – please contact me ASAP if you would like to attend this session (date yet to be fixed). I would like to assure everyone at this point how incredibly easy a defibrillator is to operate. I am hoping that every parishioner will have access to a short DVD demonstration which will undoubtedly confirm this.

CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) is still the key element with regard to survival following cardiac arrest. CPR must be carried out as soon as possible and continued until the defibrillator is attached to the casualty. I am in the process of renewing my first aid 'teaching' certificate and will be happy to do as many first aid sessions incorporating CPR as soon as I am able (will post dates on Parish Notice Boards).

We are hoping to site the defibrillator in the area of the BT phone box. This is a reasonably central area for the Parish, provides a turning area for a car and of course, a phone to make that all important 999 call. Please remember with any medical emergency 999 first!

Further information on the defibrillator project will follow in the next Parish News Letter.

The generosity and enthusiasm of our Parishioners when it comes to a good cause always abounds. Thank you for your big kind hearts and may they all remain healthy....and the beat goes on!

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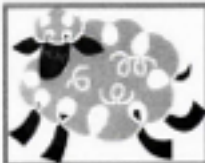
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RSPCA Stories by Sean Jones

My first posting after training was to Wolverhampton and we were lucky enough to find a nice house in a lovely village a few miles outside the town and brave (or stupid) enough to buy the house without seeing inside it!

Anyway, early one morning about 7.30 we had a knock on the door from a neighbour who advised that a large sheep was having a nice breakfast of grass on his immaculate lawn! Quickly dressing, I ventured out to what I thought would be a quick exercise. However, as I approached her, not surprisingly, she ran off and it soon became apparent that she had no intention of being caught. Sometime later and several hundred yards away, I managed to corner her and quickly phoned Sharon to bring the van to me. Now, my wife barely stretches to 5ft and having never driven the van before, I had not considered if she could reach the pedals. She did manage to prop herself up and the van approached me seemingly driving itself as she could barely be seen.

Together we managed to push the sheep into the back of the van and returned home. The plan was to put her into our very secure(?) back garden while we tracked down the owner. Our garden was quite a good sized corner plot with 2 gates either side of the house. So, in one gate she went and guess what? Straight out of the other gate, as being a real Muppet I had not checked if it was shut but I thought to as we never really used it. Live and learn! So, here we go again. Up the road she trotted and I followed her once more. Eventually I recaptured her and safely and securely I shut her in the garden. I then started making enquiries and Sharon went up stairs to get ready for work.

Imagine our horror, however, when we heard a really loud banging noise to discover that she was charging down the garden and running headlong into the patio doors. I had visions of her coming through. Now we already had 3 cats and a house rabbit, but a sheep indoors was pushing it a little.

Luckily my first phone call had been to the local Police who had already received a lost sheep report from a local man who lived just around the corner. 'Gladys' was quickly reunited with surrogate Dad and returned home none the worse for her ordeal..... and that was Monday morning!!

St Luke's Hospice Coffee Morning 2 July

A sincere thank you to all those who helped in any way to raise £314 on this enjoyable occasion.

May I quote from Sue McCallum's thank you letter:

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I hope you agree this reminds us to continue supporting the Hospice as much as possible. Thank you again. Drina Williams



Ringmore Regatta & Paddle

10am Sunday 24 August

Meet at the Aveton Gifford end of the tidal road.

Bring anything that floats, picnic/barbeque and a sense of humour.

Emily Bohnet

Thank you to all involved in the 'Zip It' conspiracy! What an amazing and unforgettable 50th. To all those approaching this antique age, have no fear. Forget the anti wrinkle cream...try Tequila; don't think it reduces the lines, but boy it's fun!! Sandy

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John Bracey, Chairman

20 years ago

The Parish council were concerned about the dangers posed by jet ski activities at Challaborough.

The Parish road sweeper, Mr Tom Woodall, found a fire hydrant, previously unknown to the fire authorities.

Unfortunately its whereabouts was not reported in the newsletter

10 years ago

The Ringmore Historical Society arranged a visit to South Pool with a guided tour with author, Doreen Shepherd.

Ragwort was voted public enemy number one this month and MAFF were contacted to supply leaflets on the best methods of control.

Ringmore Bulk Purchase Oil Scheme

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet and return, updating parishioners with progress on the proposed scheme and with a request for information. Could you please review this and if interested contact John Reynolds with the necessary information. Thank you.

Sorry!

It's really a bit early to start with an apology - but I have been unable to publish the recipes this month as my desktop publishing program does not comfortably support Publisher. So apologies to Lynn who worked hard to put them all together - but like the Terminator - they will be back!

Editor

There was a young lady from Gloucester,
Whose parents thought they had lost her,
From the Fridge came a sound
And at last she was found
The trouble was - how to defrost her.

What mathematical symbol can you put between 2 and 3 to make a number greater than 2, but less than 3?

Answer: A decimal point

News from All Hallows

Ringmore Church Fete

Come along to the **ANNUAL CHURCH FETE** and bring you friends and visitors with you. Please note that the Fete starts at **2.30pm on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August**. Time for lunch to settle down before tucking in to the mouth watering Cream Teas & Hog Roast. Enjoy also the Wine Tent, Cake & Produce Stall, Books, Bric-A-Brac, Find the Wine, Tombola, Bowl for a Chicken, Coconut Shy, Costume Jewellery, Tug of War, Ice Creams, Childrens Games & Bouncy Castle, Trojan car rides amongst others. Childrens races will start at 3.30 with the Prize giving at 4.15pm.

Harvest Festival Service

This years Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 14th September at 11 o'clock. It is hoped that the Church will be decorated to the very high standard that has been achieved in recent years. Offers of decoration and produce will be very gratefully accepted. The produce once again will be forwarded to the Komiloff Care Home in Bigbury where it always greatly received by the staff & residents there. The service will be followed by the Harvest Lunch.

Harvest Lunch

This years Harvest Lunch will be held in the Parish Room on Sunday 14th September, 12.30 for 1pm. Once again Juliet & Paul, from the Journey's End, will provide a Buffet along with some alternatives for the vegetarians amongst us. Desserts, along with tea or coffee to follow. All this to be washed down with a glass of wine, orange juice or bottled water. Tickets will be on sale shortly so please look out for the notices. This is always a popular event and spaces are limited.

Phill Errett



July meeting: Riding Therapy for Children

The Elizabeth Svendsen Trust for Children and Donkeys. What is the connection? Our speaker for the evening, Bob Venn, explained that the donkeys are used as a link to enable children with special needs not only to enjoy the animals, but – more importantly – to stimulate them into learning new skills and to gain confidence, things which we normally take for granted. Elizabeth Svendsen was left a legacy which happened to be 204 donkeys! From these have sprung a centre at Ivybridge, which can be visited, a main centre at Sidmouth, also three others now in Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester. Parents and carers of these children work closely with the Trust, and all agree that it is a great support for them all.

Annual Outing to Lanhydrock

Because of the foul wet weather, our visit to Lanhydrock House has had to be postponed. We will be arranging a new date with those who expressed interest (probably in September); if you would like to join them, please give Jackie a ring on 810520.

Don't Forget our Fête!!

Wednesday 6th August from 2 pm
W.I. Hall and grounds

See the separate notice in the Newsletter

RINGMORE BULK PURCHASE OIL SCHEME

From The Parish Plan Questionnaire that was delivered earlier in the year to all households in the Parish, returns indicated that 62% of Parishioners use fuel oil as their main source of heating, and that 83% of respondents would be interested in a "Bulk Purchase Scheme", which hopefully would not only reduce the price of fuel oil, but also the number of tankers using our rural and village lanes.

Initial exploration indicates that it should be possible to pull together such a scheme for the Parish, possibly based on the Modbury Oil Group Scheme. In this scheme, the selected supplier delivers fuel oil to **top up** members tanks on a cycle of every 16 weeks during the summer period and every 8 weeks during the winter. The supplier visits all scheme members at the same time and prices are based on beating the lowest price of a basket of different supplier prices, independently collated for our delivery postcode, on the delivery day in question, and irrespective of volume delivered.

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John Reynolds

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AUG. 7 @ 8:30 PM QUIZ NIGHT!

This will be a **SPECIAL** quiz! It will be for families and kids! So you adults out there... lets see which generation is the smartest!



THE GAUNTLET HAS BEEN THROWN INTO THE RING!

Reserve your table early!

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 BANK HOLIDAY

The JE will be open! But remember that the Village Fete starts around 2pm so we will be **CLOSING EARLY**. But we will be open at 6pm so come on in after having a great time at the Fete... rest your feet, have a drink!

Please remember, the bottle bank is there for all of us in Ringmore to use. Please help us out by keeping an eye out when it needs emptying.

FROM THE JE'S DIARY:

August? Can you believe it?



But the weather is finally beautiful and sunny (now watch.. it will rain)! But, where has this season gone?

First off we here at the JE are so proud of being able to help in raising money for the Defibrillator fund!

We ALL did it!
Which shouldn't come as a ... shock!



So if you have made a pledge, come down to the JE. But, please make out any checks to the Parish Council though and NOT to the JE.

Augusts is a time for summer holidays and by the look of things, we might be in for a busy month. So we



here at the JE have decided not to plan any major events this month. We are going to keep things

simple. Also there are so many other events being planned around the Village, like the WI Fete, that we want to be able to have some fun at them too!



So YOUR JE will be here as always for you, serving great food, beautiful ales, nicely chilled white wines, cold drinks, and desserts that will have you asking why you shouldn't have another! Also remember that we have great selections from our Daily Summer Menu. So come on in and...

come hungry!

There will be a **SPECIAL** Quiz Night on the 7th!

Kids against the adults! Think you can beat... 'them'... come and test your knowledge. Oh.. it will be fun and everyone should come on down and have a go! The JE will have some Special Prizes for the winning teams!